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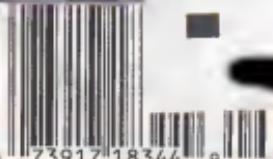
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in the city is *not* pretty, so we tried to keep cool as we put this issue together. The result: **Liz**

 cut out every afternoon to go to an air-conditioned theater and came back with a great story on kids of summer movies.

(See page 22.) **Heidi** hunted for new talent at comics conventions.

(You could be her latest find; see page 83.) **Chris** taught **Michelle** the latest

skateboarding moves.

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the night sky for meteors (page 48), **Sean** went whale watching (page 34), and everyone else just sat in the shade. Pass the Popsicles, **and**

**TF5**



**Adventure** *on!*  
*Phoebe*



## FRENCH TOAST PROFILE

NAME: Mila Williams

AGE: 12

HOMETOWN: Marina Del Rey, California

FAVORITE HOLIDAY: Any holiday when there's no school.

WORST NIGHTMARE: Mom reading my diary.

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT: When Scott kissed me in the school cafeteria.

FAVORITE MAGAZINE: Any magazine with perfume samples

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Beating Dad in Monopoly.

GOAL IN LIFE: To own more property than Donald Trump.

CLOTHES: French Toast

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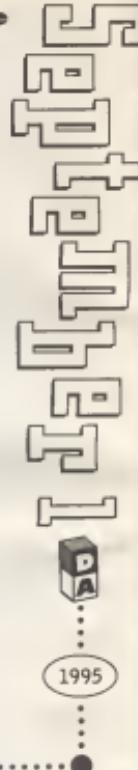
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What makes Road Runner so fast?  
A. If there was a crazed coyote looking to make you his afternoon snack, you'd move fast, too.

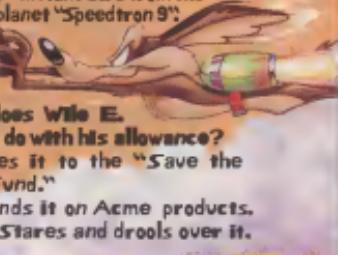
B. A turbo-charged heart.  
C. He's actually a mutant bird from the planet "Speedtron 9".

1. Where does Duck Dodgers hang out?  
A. At the Mall.  
B. In the 24 1/2 century.  
C. A baseball stadium.



3. What does Wile E. Coyote do with his allowance?

A. He donates it to the "Save the Coyote Fund."  
B. Spends it on Acme products.  
C. Stares and drools over it.



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A. To eat the chicken that was on the other side.  
B. To eat the weasel that ate the chicken that was on the other side.  
C. C'mon, you don't ask the Tasmanian Devil silly questions like this.



6.

Why does Bugs call everyone "Doc"?

A. He spent two years in medical school.  
B. "What's up, Shirley?" just isn't cool.  
C. Out of respect for his great-grandfather, "Doc" Holiday Bunny.

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**ANSWERS.**

12. 21. 28. 41. 56. 28



# zip code

Thanks

Your letters, photos  
and comments.

## True Believer

I watch "Earth 2" every Sunday. I believe in aliens. Once I think I saw a UFO—it was this flying round thing with lights blinking on the sides—but you never know. I haven't used your guide for UFO hunting yet, because my friend Matthew won't go. And I won't go alone.

RUSSELL CAHILL, 10  
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

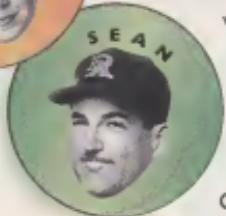


## Cap Crdzy

I am a born Pog lover! I have more than 2,381 caps, not including my limited-edition ones. I wish you would come out with D.A. staff caps. I'd be the first to buy them! One day, I was sitting in class doing nothing but flipping a Pog, and I got excited and flipped it into the sink!

CHRIS BAILEY, 11

MIDWAY, NORTH CAROLINA



# Close Encounter of the Dumbo Kind

My dad used to live in Nairobi, Kenya. I went there once for a visit, and in the game park, we came face to face with this elephant! He looked kind of mad, but eventually he wandered off.

CLAIRE PETERSON, 11  
ALEXANDRIA, KENTUCKY



## Pics

DAN UITERMARK,  
10, from  
HOMESTEAD,  
IOWA, went  
 spelunking!  
Good thing he  
 doesn't mind  
 getting dirty!

## Dream On

Have you ever had a **dream** you really wanted to finish? I've had plenty of them. If I could go into **virtual reality**, it would be to a dream I never finished. The virtual-reality thing would read your **mind**, and, of course, you would be telling it your latest dream. It would pick up **signals** and make up an ending for your dream.

KATHIE McGRAW, 13  
BELTON, TEXAS

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Your **most** excellent drawings by—

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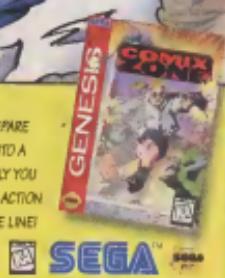
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# buzz

Info to go and things to know!

## Will the shoes improve his moves?

David Lee, 12, from St. Louis, Missouri, is the lucky winner of our Shaq's Shoes Sweepstakes (March 1995).



Rachel Beal dropped us a line to tell us what's hot and what's not at Canton Junior High in Canton, Texas. The kids in her sixth-grade



English class have been on some pretty cool class trips—such as the Omni Theater in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Marsalis Zoo in Dallas, Texas. But their ideal class trip would be to the Orlando Arena in Orlando, Florida, where the Orlando Magic would take on—who else?—the Chicago Bulls! And, when they get the late-night munchies—it's a chocolate shake, chips and hot sauce!

## hot not

slang

"you go,"  
"pishaw!"

"duh,"  
"awesome!"

sports

gymnastics,  
basketball,  
waterskiing

Ping-Pong

food

seven-layer  
burritos

hot dogs,  
spinach

# PINBALL WIZARD

**T**hey don't call him "Razor" Sharpe for nothing. At the Professional and Amateur Pinball Association's PAPA 5 World Pinball Championships, **Joshua Sharpe** shot way out in front of the pack in the Juniors Division finals. Joshua, a 15-year-old flipmaster from Chicago, Illinois, scored a perfect 40 points and walked away with the division title. "I want to be the best pinball player the world has ever seen," says Joshua. He stepped away from the flashing lights, buzzers and bells long enough to talk to us.

**D.A.:** How long have you been playing pinball?

**J.S.:** About 15 years. When I was born, my dad had nine pinball machines. I

used to stand in

front of him and he'd play around me. I'd just watch, and I got into it.

**D.A.:** How many machines do you have at home now?

**J.S.:** Sixteen regular-size and 10 antique.

**D.A.:** Do you have any secret moves?

**J.S.:** Just common strategy: Try to cradle the ball—that way, you can think of where you're going to shoot. And use your left flipper to shoot on the right side, your right flipper to shoot on the left side.

**D.A.:** Do you like pinball or video games better?

**J.S.:** I like pinball better because there's more skill involved. In video games you have to beat the bad guy or work your way up to beat the bad guy. In pinball, each time you play it's



different. You never have the same game twice.

**D.A.:** What games did you compete on in the tournament?

**J.S.:** For the qualifying round, we competed on eight different machines. You had to play them all and build up the highest score to qualify. I qualified in second place. Then we went into the championship rounds, where we competed on four machines—**The Shadow, Shaq**

**Attack, Frankenstein** and **Dirty Harry**—and that's when I beat the first-place guy and came in first.

**D.A.:** You won every game you played in the finals. Has anyone ever done that before?

**J.S.:** Not that I know of.

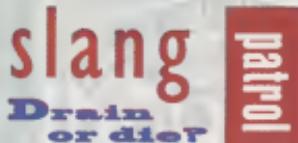
**D.A.:** Next year will be your last year in the Juniors Division?

**J.S.:** Yeah, and then I'm moving up to play with the big boys.

**D.A.:** Is that exciting?

**J.S.:** Yeah. They're pretty scared, wondering what I'll be like in two years.

—Amy Reiter



**Ping this pinball patter around, pal!**

**Shaking.** Moving the machine under the ball to control the speed and direction. Doing it right is a science.

**Slingshot.** If you shake the machine just right, the ball will come down the lane lightning-fast so you can shoot it.

**Draining.** Losing your ball. Unlike in video games, you don't die in pinball; you drain.

**Trapping.** Balls are banging, buzzers are blaring—everything's happening too fast. You need to slow down, so you stop the ball, hold it in your flipper in a V, and figure out your next move.

**Death Save.** Your ball's rolling through the outer lanes, headed for the bottom; you push the game's box forward, causing the ball to bounce back up from the center onto the flippers. Saved!

A group of five young actors from the TV show Boy Meets World are posed together in a close-up, smiling. They are arranged in a cluster: a boy in a purple shirt at the top left, a girl in a denim jacket at the top right, a boy in a yellow shirt in the center, a girl in a pink shirt below him, and a girl in a red beanie at the bottom left.

Summer school  
is totally  
cool...

when you're  
watching it  
on **TGIF!**

# BOY meets WORLD

Fridays  
8:30/7:30C



Disney



If D.A. could time-travel, we'd definitely want to check out the Middle Ages—you know, King Arthur and knights and all that chivalrous stuff. That's exactly what Calvin Fuller, a 14-year-old California kid, gets to do when Merlin magically whips him into the past in *A Kid in King Arthur's Court*. Calvin, played by Thomas Ian Nicholas (*Rookie of the Year*) merrily romps around with maidens of the court—until he realizes

that he was summoned to save King Arthur and Camelot!

The world's greatest warriors leap from your video-game screen onto the big screen in

*Mortal Kombat*. Three human warriors must prevent the evil sorcerer Shang Tsung from winning the 10th Mortal

Kombat tournament, or else he and his Outworld will reign over Earth forever. Just thinking about the gruesome 8-foot-tall, four-armed Outworld prince, Goro, has us shaking in our Doc Martens!



Horsing around in the Middle Ages.

D.A. popped into the recording studio as fabulous foursome All-4-One put the finishing touches on their new album, *And The*

**Music Speaks.** We hung out with Tony Borowiak, Jamie Jones, Alfred Nevarez and Delious while they munched some lunch and rapped about life in the big time.

**D.A.:** What's the key to

● singing *a cappella* (without instruments)?

**D.:** Listening to one another. But it's hard to do when the crowd is cheering. The second we start "So Much In Love," everybody starts screaming—and we're trying to hear one another sing.

**D.A.:** Do you always sing the same parts?

**D.:** No, we trade off all the time—except for Alfred, because he's

● the bass.

**A.N.:** I sing real low.

**D.A.:** We heard you receive up to 500 fan letters a week. Do you answer them?

**D.:** A lot of the time, if they give a phone number, we call them.

**T.B.:** They scream at first. Then as soon as we start talking, they get quiet and can't say a thing. Then right when they're hanging up the phone, we hear 'em screamin' again.

**D.A.:**

When did you realize you wanted to be a singing star?

**D.:** Always. I started singing at 3.

**T.B.:** I started at 4. The first time I was onstage, I thought, I like it here.

**J.J.:**

Before I could even walk. The only way to make me be quiet was for my sister to put



**All-4-One—and one for all! They've got "Skillz."**

me on the floor in front of my dad's stereo.

**A.N.:** I've been singing in churches since I was 6. My choir director had me sing lead—at 6!

**D.A.:** Do you still get psyched when you hear your songs on the radio?

**D.:** You can't talk in my car. When "Skillz" comes on, I turn up the bass and just go.

**J.J.:** And he stops paying attention to his driving and we get all lost!

**D.A.:** When do you write songs?

**D.:** Sometimes I have a dream and wake up and write about it.

**J.J.:** I write music on the plane, the bus, anywhere. I keep my little tape recorder and notebook with me in my briefcase.

**D.A.:** What do you do for kicks between shows?

**A.N.:** We have remote-control cars and water guns that we get crazy with.

**T.B.:** And we always have our bowling balls. If there's a bowling alley around, we'll find it.

**J.J.:** And we love to go check out the malls.

**D.A.:** What's the recipe for your music?

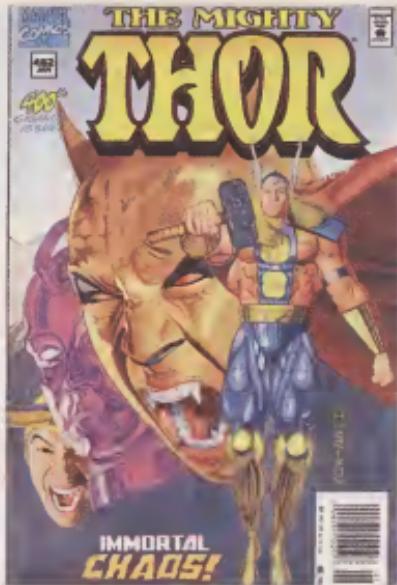
**J.J.:** A few cups of love. A pinch of dance.

**D.:** Then you add some rhythm. And a touch of jazz, with a hint of doo-wop.

**J.J.:** Mix it all together, cook it in the CD player, and you've got All-4-One.

—Debbie Beyer

No offense, but it's been a long time since anyone could say Marvel Comics' *The Mighty Thor* was cool. Fortunately, the times, they are a-changin'. In August, Marvel's British king of grit, Warren Ellis, gets down and dirty with the thunder god when he takes over as the new writer. The new Thor is lean and mean—and wait till you see the new costume design by superhot artist Mike Deodato! D.A. can't wait



Cool at last: *The Mighty Thor*.

for this one, folks!

Also out this month, one of the nastiest crossover books ever. Sure, DC and Marvel have mixed heroes in the past: Superman/Spider-Man, X-Men/Teen Titans. But now, they're mixing villains in *Darkseid/Galactus: The Hunger*. It's basically a big *What If?*-type story, asking, "What if the Silver Surfer's former master, Galactus, decided to eat Apokolips, the infernal planet ruled by the evil Darkseid?" As a bonus, it's written and drawn by fan favorite John Byrne (*Wonder Woman*).

Last month, D.A. chatted with Litefoot, who plays Little Bear in *The Indian in the Cupboard*. Now D.A. sits

down with Lynne Reid Banks, the author of more than 20 books, including the four in *The Indian* series.

**D.A.:** Do you plan to write more books in the series?

**L.R.B.:** What I'd like to do, if I dared, would be to send Omri into the future. But then I have to figure out what the future would be like. Maybe it wouldn't be so nice. I've got a couple of ideas. One: Omri's grandson has the cupboard and the little figures, and Omri's suddenly whisked into the future—maybe a hundred years forward.

**D.A.:** If you could have any of your characters come to life, which would it be?

**L.R.B.:** Tiki, my fairy from *The Fairy Rebel*. She could do magic for me, and perhaps I could look after her, because she's a bit reckless and she does a bunch of silly things. She would be little and a bit



**Lynne Reid Banks powwows with friends.**

like Tinker Bell, but able to talk. I think she and I would get along pretty well together.

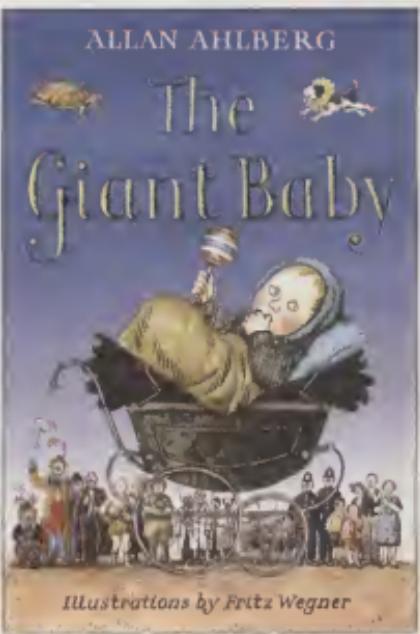
**D.A.:** Do you have any tips for kids who are thinking about becoming writers?

**L.R.B.:** You've got to read. You've got to write—every day; make something up, write in your

diary, or get a pen-pal thing going. And don't just tell what you did; share your feelings. You've got to do a lot of thinking. Go out of your way to have experiences. Meet people, do things, travel, have adventures—but not bad adventures, good adventures.

—Liz Smith

## Summer Reading Heats Up



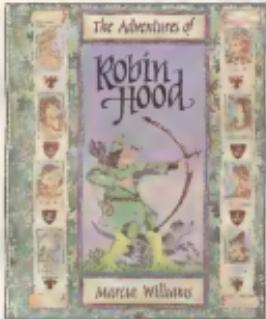
Don't let the people in these books have all the fun—read about 'em and join in!

**The Giant Baby**  
(Viking)  
by Allan Ahlberg.  
Young Alice wants a baby brother. Her parents say forget it, but

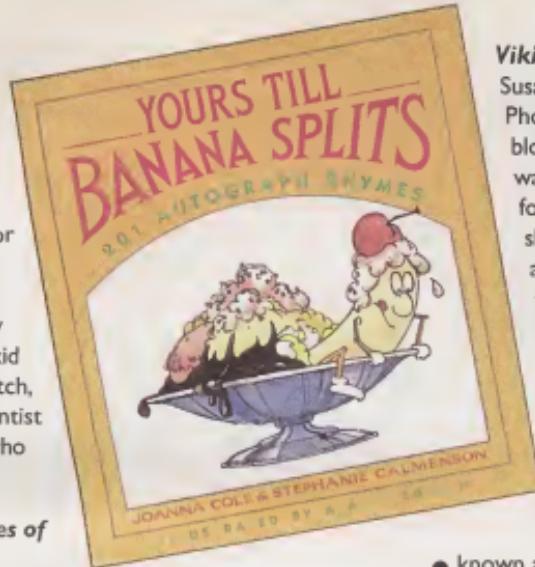
somebody  
fairly  
gargantuan  
lends her the  
biggest baby  
ever. He's so  
cool (except for  
the giant-size  
diapers) that  
some dastardly  
circus guys, a kid  
with an eye patch,  
and a mad scientist  
all fight over who  
gets him.

### *The Adventures of Robin Hood*

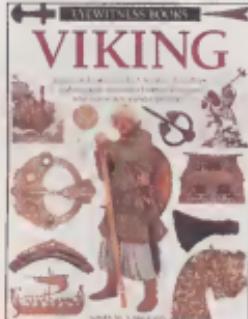
(Candlewick Press) by Marcia Williams. This panoramic cartoon book has characters who aren't as handsome as Kevin Costner and his gang, but



methinks the plot's still  
about the dude who robs  
from the rich to give to the  
poor. And it's funny, with  
lots of merry remarks like  
"low-down knave" and  
"daughter of a pea."



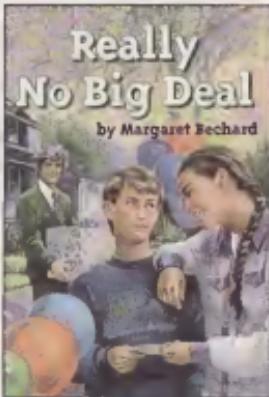
● *Yours Till Banana Splits* (Morrow Junior) by Joanna Cole and Stephanie Calmenson. Two hundred and one autograph rhymes for yearbooks, postcards, letters, sidewalks, whatever. Here's how D.A. plans to sign off from now on: Pigs love pumpkins/cows love squash/I love you/I do, by gosh.



*Viking* (Knopf) by Susan M. Margeson. Photos of what the bloodthirsty warriors wore and fought with, the ships they sailed, and the plunder that made them act so impolitely in the first place.

*Really No Big Deal* (Viking) by Margaret Bechard, Jonah Truman, also

known as one of the shortest kids in seventh



grade, attends every bad birthday party in town as a mother's helper—he even puts makeup on 12 5-year-olds and watches a kid swan-dive into a pirate-ship cake. But that probably beats hanging out at home, since his mom is dating his school

Jessie Haas  
**A BLUE for BEWARE**

PICTURES BY JEN. A. SMITH



principal! Very funny, we must say!

**A Blue for Beware**  
(Greenwillow) by Jessie

Haas. Horse lovers, look up. Lily is a young girl who finally gets to ride her very own horse in a junior horse show. Costume class, jumps, a barrel race and a fight with a friend make it a day to remember.

**Captain Hawaii**  
(HarperCollins) by Anthony Dana Arkin. Fifteen-year-old Arron Pendleton heads to Kauai, Hawaii, from New York, and hooks up with crazy Captain Dan and his somewhat psychic

daughter, Kate. They seek treasure; he gets battered by thugs who want to keep an island secret, secret. Key players: spiders, sushi, and a pig roast.

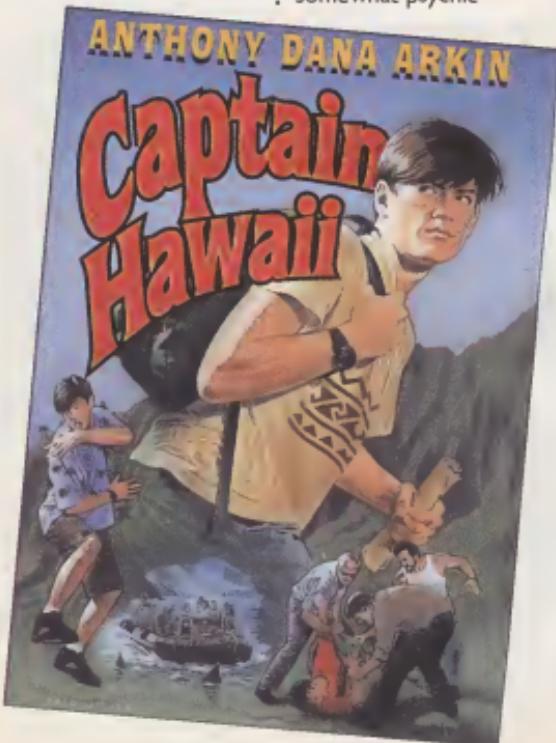
**Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger**

(Morrow Junior) by Louis Sachar. Wayside School, which has been



closed for 242 days, is open again. Miss Mush has the same lunch waiting. Miss Zarves is still teaching on the 19th floor—but wait, there is no 19th floor! Dr. Pickle is still hypnotizing kids so they bite each other's ears...eeewww! This book is way weird—we can hear "The Twilight Zone" music starting now!

—Rose Kennedy



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# Kids of Summer Movies

**H**ow are you spending your summer vacation? Perhaps you're racing minicars, going camping in the wilderness or hanging out at the beach. Your parents are probably following you, videotaping your every move. That's just like these kids. OK, so they have famous co-stars, a script, a crew and a director who's filming their adventures with big, fancy cameras. But besides that, their summer months are just like yours.

**D.A.** thought it'd be a

blast to spend our summer with the

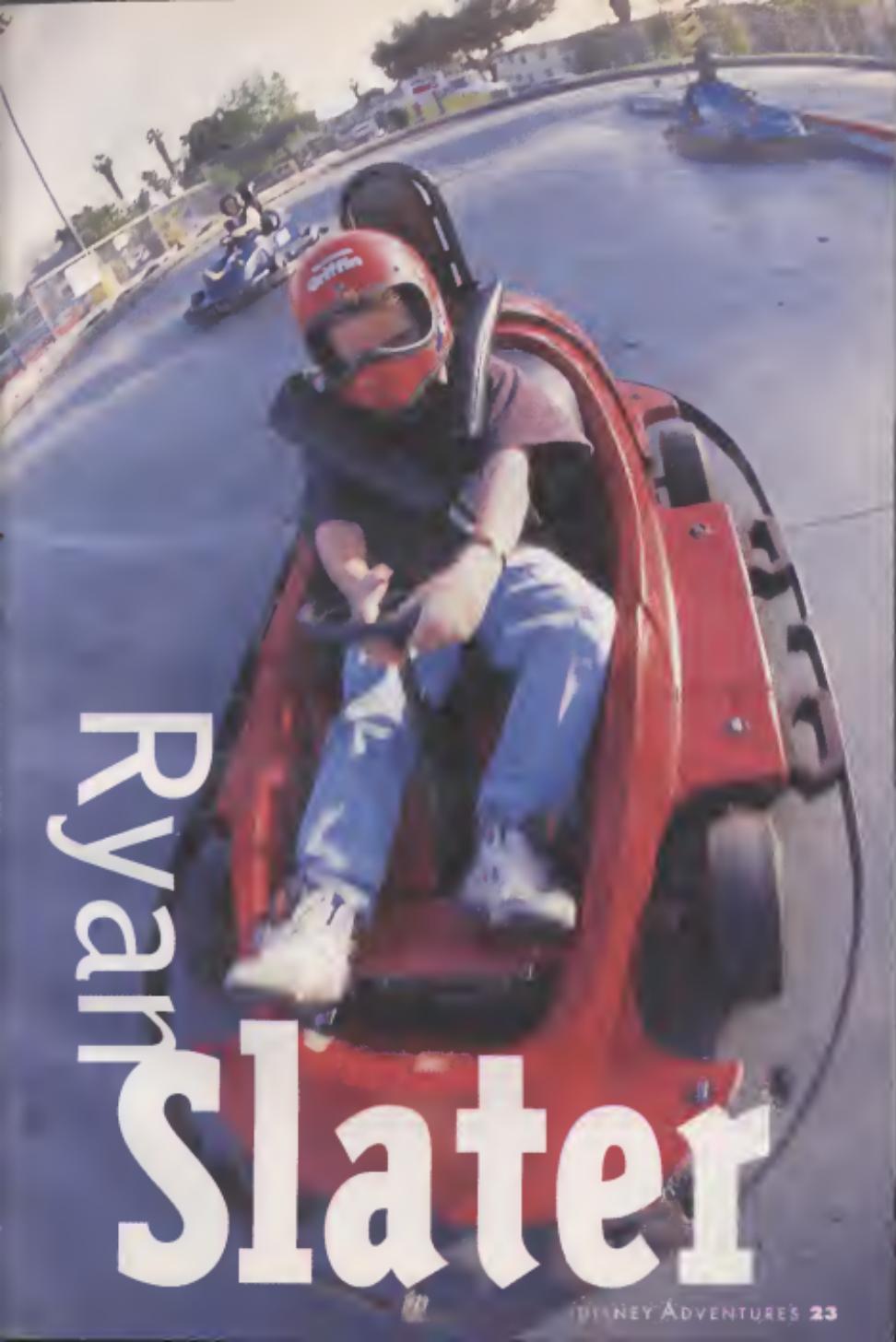
hottest kid movie stars, so we are!

BY KIM LOCKHART  
AND LIZ SMITH



Vroom! Vroom! Strap on your helmet, fasten your seat belt, and meet us at the racetrack! That's what D.A. told **Ryan Slater**, 12, once we heard that Malibu Grand Prix in North Hollywood, California, was his fave place to hang. He stars in *Amazing Panda Adventure*. Ryan plays Ryan Tyler, a 12-year-old who travels to China to visit his dad and ends up trying to save pandas from poachers. But before we let him zoom away in his red race car, we made him tell us all about panda-mania.

# Ryan Slate1





**D.A.:**

OK, Ryan,  
talk panda!

**R.S.:** There were three  
real ones, a giant panda  
and two babies, and a  
few mechanical ones.

The  
real ones  
were so cool. I loved  
them, especially Moon,  
the little baby girl. She  
was soooo clumsy. She  
would always fall on her  
butt or fall down a hill

and start rolling. And  
whenever she thought  
she was in trouble, she  
put her hands over her  
eyes and made a  
cooing noise.

**D.A.:** Did you get  
to play with the  
pandas?

**R.S.:** Yeah. I  
got to walk  
them and  
roll down  
the hill  
with them.

**D.A.:** Since your  
mom's a  
casting  
agent and  
your  
brother,  
Christian, is  
an actor,  
did they give  
you tips?

**R.S.:** Yeah. My  
mom told me  
to pretend our  
dog, Chan, was a  
panda because it'd  
be easier to talk to  
him. So I took Chan  
with me to the audition.

**D.A.:** Did you get to  
sightsee?

**R.S.:** I was dying to see  
the Great Wall of  
China. I loved it; it was  
so fun. The Wall was  
really wide. Six horses  
could fit across it. And  
it was really steep.

# (cliff) Hanging WITH THE Tenderfoots

BY H. BROOKE PRIMERO AND LIZ SMITH

Take a hike! That's what the Tenderfoots told us to do! So we did—right over to the set of their movie, *Bushwhacked*. It stars Daniel Stern (*Home Alone*) and six rambunctious actors as

the Tenderfoots—Michael Galeota, 10 (Dana); Janna Michaels, 12 (Kelsey); Blake Bashoff, 14 (Gordy); Ari Greenberg, 11 (Fishman); Corey Carrier, 14 (Ralph); and Max Goldblatt, 12 (Barnhill). On a wilderness trip gone haywire, the Scouts scale mountains, brave

rapids and perform killer stunts that put *Cliffhanger* to shame. The kids dig D.A. soooooo much, they asked us to join them for lunch and a game of football. They shared some of their fun filming moments with us:

**MICHAEL:** I think mountain climbing is fun 'cause it takes a lot of hard work. It was a lot of fun to learn how to do.

**COREY:** The director brought us in a week earlier, and they gave us two really top-class instructors, Douglas and Perry. They're ranked climbers, and they taught us how to climb easy mountains. None of us really knew how to climb. Now we're all really good at it.

**JANNA:** The best part was the river because we got to actually swim in white water. It felt like 30 degrees! We had wet suits but they leaked, so we were totally miserable the whole time. But it was still fun.



**BLAKE  
BASHOFF**



**JANNA  
MICHALES**



**MICHAEL  
GALEOTA**



**ARI GREENBERG**



**COREY CARRIER**



**MAX GOLDBLATT**

**BLAKE:** I was in the water with Danny and Max. I went down a waterfall and into a 10-foot-deep whirlpool. I got stuck and pulled under, and my backpack got caught on the bottom surface. Max was like, "Where's Blake?" All of a sudden, my pack got loose and I came up and my head

hit a kayak. Max was totally laughing.

**BLAKE:** During a break, we were on the real footbridge with about a 100-foot drop. Ari was hungry, so he asked food services to get him a sandwich. . . .

**COREY:** Another one!

**BLAKE:** He's eating the sandwich and walking across the bridge. As he takes a bite out of the sandwich, he falls and bangs right into the rail! He almost fell off the bridge! It was scary.

**COREY:** But he saved the sandwich!

**COREY:** We were in the water, going in a daisy chain with our arms intertwined. I went under, and I sucked in a lot of water. We were supposed to be screaming for help [for the

director] 'cause there's a waterfall coming up, and we're really scared. I was supposed to be acting, screaming, "Help! Help!" but I was really choking. I was giving the international symbol for choking, and everyone was laughing. The movie crew was giving me thumbs-up signs, saying "Good! Great! Keep doing that!" They all felt stupid when I told them I was really drowning.

**MAX:** I got injured doing a stunt.

**COREY:** Yeah, he fell on a stick!

**MAX:** We were supposed to dive off a cliff. There was a fake ledge, and five feet under it there were pads to land on. I jumped off, and I landed in a weird position. I got the wind knocked out of me, and I really hurt my back! It still hurts.

## Hey,

### *Bushwhacked fans!*

The first 25 readers to write to us will win *Bushwhacked* movie stuff—like a canteen, cap or poster! Send us a letter with your name and address to: *Bushwhacked!*

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# How'd They Do That?

**LOOKS LIKE:** Yikes! Ari crawls over Danny, thousands of feet above a mountain.

**BUT, REALLY:** Danny's only five feet off the ground. The Lake Tahoe mountain ravine background is added via the blue-screen process (two images are shot separately and combined into one image).



**LOOKS LIKE:**

Aaaahhh! Blake's hanging on for dear life, thousands of feet in the air!



**BUT, REALLY:** Blake's suspended from the tree by a safety wire. And he's only eight feet above the scaffolding.

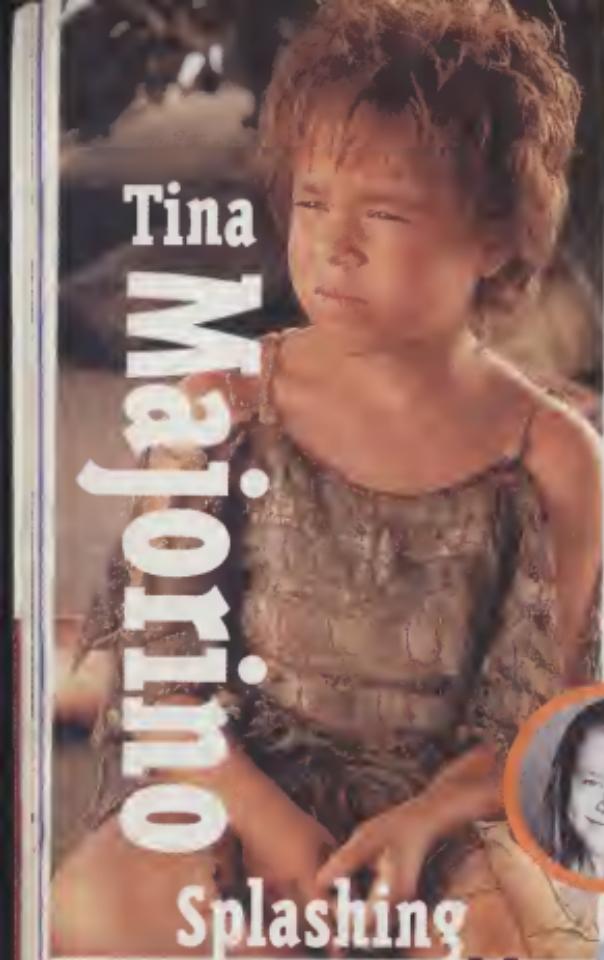
**LOOKS LIKE:**

Danny is about to get eaten for lunch by an 8-foot-tall, 1,200-pound black bear!



**BUT, REALLY:** The animal trainer uses bear goodies to bait the bear into acting all ferocious. And again, via the blue-screen process, Danny is superimposed onto the scene.





Tina

Majorino

## Splashing Into Waterworld

BY LIZ SMITH

When Tina Majorino told D.A. her favorite movie is *The Wizard of Oz*, we freaked! (As longtime D.A. readers know, that's one of our fave movies.) She told us that watching it over and over inspired her to become an actress. Last summer, she was featured in D.A.'s Kids of Summer Movies for her role in *Andre*, co-starring with a seal. This year, the busy 10-year-old stars in *Waterworld*—co-starring with none other than Kevin

Costner—which tells the story of life on Earth after the ice caps melt and all the land is covered with water. She had just gotten home from school (she likes math, science, art and English) and was sitting nice and dry in her all-purple room when she talked to us about her wild adventures filming under da sea.

**D.A.:** We heard the movie set sank twice. Did it?

**T.M.:** Actually, it didn't sink. It was a rumor. One day, the swells got really high and tipped over the floating tower called the Slave Colony, where the bad people—the Smokers—live. But then the set people just put it back up again.

**D.A.:** Describe Kevin Costner in three words.

**T.M.:** Focused, professional, kindhearted. I was excited to meet him. It's such an honor to have worked with him.

**D.A.:** Did you have any encounters with sea creatures?

**T.M.:** Yeah. It wasn't supposed to happen. Between scenes, I was swimming with Ari, the stunt coordinator, and all of a sudden, there was a little string on a nearby buoy. It was a jellyfish, and Ari pushed it off. Then, I got on the buoy and was riding it like a pony when the jellyfish grabbed my leg! So Ari and I swam to shore, but I got stung from my toes to my forehead!



# James Richter



## Jason Gets the Willys!

BY LIZ SMITH

D.A. was excited to catch up with Jason James Richter,

15. It'd been two years since we talked to him about *Free Willy*. Now in *Free Willy II: The Adventure Home*, Jason (as Jesse) must save Willy and the little Willys (his bro and sis).

Keiko, the whale that played Willy in *Free Willy*, is not in this movie. He's suffering from a skin virus in real life and needs a bigger tank. Hopefully, Keiko will soon be moved to a 2-million-gallon tank in Oregon, and then be set free. We got Jason on the phone to see if he had any new whale tales to tell.

**D.A.:** What was it like working with mechanical whales?

**J.J.R.:** The mechanical whales look real. Their skin feels like Keiko's. The only thing is, when Keiko jumps out of the water, his body curves a little bit, and the mechanical ones go straight up and straight down.

**D.A.:** Do you miss Keiko?

**J.J.R.:** Yes, it's a real bummer. I went down to see him, and it seemed like he was angry at me—he wouldn't look at me or let me feed him.

**D.A.:** Do you think you'd like to continue acting?

**J.J.R.:** Oh, definitely. At times, it gets hard. I miss my summers. I miss my friends. I want to keep making movies as long as it's fun and this is where I want to be. ...I'll be 85 years old and making *Free Willy 95*! "Go, Willy, go! Oops, call the paramedics!"



# Pick Your *Pocahontas*

BY LIZ SMITH AND CHRISTINE DONNELLY

Have your friends been calling you **Ratcliffe** lately and you wonder what that means? Do you feel a closeness to **Meeko** but aren't sure why? Perhaps you've got a personality just like one of the main characters in **Pocahontas**. To find out which **Poca** person you most identify with, take D.A.'s very own **Pocahontas** Personality Quiz.

**1.** Your best friend just got in trouble with the **camp counselor** for something he/she didn't do. The counselor is screaming at your friend. You:

- a.** politely interrupt the counselor and come to your best friend's defense.
- b.** rudely interrupt the camp counselor, grab your best friend and make a run for it.
- c.** laugh, and take this opportunity to go through your best friend's overnight bag and borrow some of his valuable trading cards.
- d.** are being screamed at, too, 'cause you're always getting into trouble.
- e.** say, "tsk, tsk," and tell all your friends that, unfortunately, your best



- friend deserves what he/she got.
- f.** tell a profound story that suddenly clears up the confusion.
- g.** poke your way to the front of the crowd and try to create a distraction so your friend can get away.



# Personality

**2.** Your friend's cat is stuck in a really big tree. You:

- a.** immediately leap to the closest branch and skillfully climb the tree to rescue the cat.
- b.** call all your friends to come watch as you use your handy-dandy rope to lasso the cat.
- c.** tell your friend you'll charge him \$5 to get his cat down.
- d.** grab a bowl of cherries, leftover cat food and anything else you can get your paws on.
- e.** after chowing on a bowl of cherries, take a leisurely nap while waiting patiently for kitty to come down.
- f.** speak in a soothing, soft voice and try to talk the cat down.
- g.** harass the cat—yell at it and threaten not to feed it anymore—until it finally leaves its perch.

**3.** Everyone has a **feature** that expresses his or her personality. **Yours is your:**

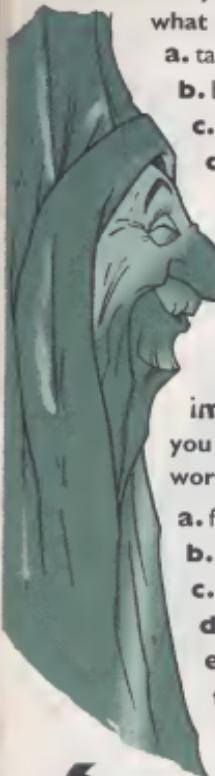
- a.** hair. In fact, you think hair tossing should be an Olympic event.



- b.** statuesque build. *Hmm, maybe nice enough to be a movie star!*
- c.** big nose, double chin, jelly belly....The list goes on.
- d.** mask, always ready for a masquerade party.
- e.** bark—it's worse than your bite.
- f.** bite—it's worse than your bark.
- g.** long, slender bill and even longer tongue, great for zapping intruders.

**4.** When you accessorize, what color do you choose?

- a.** tan
- b.** blue
- c.** gold
- d.** brown
- e.** any color, as long as it's fluffy
- f.** green
- g.** fuchsia



**5.** What is the most important thing to you in the whole wide world?

- a.** friends
- b.** adventure
- c.** money
- d.** food
- e.** dignity
- f.** wisdom
- g.** loyalty

**6.** You forgot to do your homework. You:

- a.** enlist the aid of your two best friends to help you get the job done, just before the bell rings!



- b.** say you're so sorry, and offer to make up for it by going to gym class three times today!

- c.** steal a fellow student's homework and put your name on it.

- d.** try to get on the teacher's good side by giving him leftover cookies.

- e.** yawn, then apologize and say your personal servant will get right on it.

- f.** admit you've goofed big-time and say you've learned something valuable from this.

- g.** explain that you were out defending the neighborhood from villains and promise that it'll never happen again.



**7.** You're in charge of planning the summer-camp field trip. You choose:

- a.** white-water rafting—but first, everyone must build the raft, using only natural materials.

- b.** bungee jumping.

- c.** a trip to the amusement park on Kids Get In Free Day, but charge everyone so you can make a profit.

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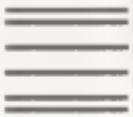
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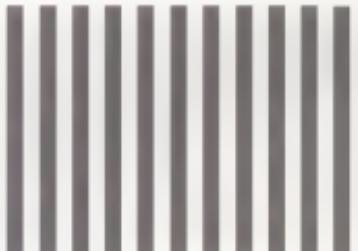
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- d. an all-day pass to the all-you-can-eat food court.
- e. a weekend at a five-star resort where servants grant your every wish.
- f. tracing your family tree.
- g. flying lessons.

**8.** You're out picnicking and, suddenly, an army of ants is heading your way. You:

- a. arrange a little picnic blanket for them and fix them a snack.
- b. try to teach them a new formation.
- c. jump up screaming and stomp them into ant mash.
- d. invite them to crawl on your blanket, but refuse to share your lunch.
- e. tell them to stay off your silk pillow, thank you very much.
- f. let them crawl all over you and give them some good advice.
- g. eat them.



**Now, add up how many a's you have, b's, etc., to see which letter you have the most of.**

**a:** You're a lot like **Pocahontas**. You're courageous and respectful of nature, but mischievous enough not to be boring.

**b:** You're like **John Smith**. You seek out adventure, are quite brave, and like to let everyone know about your courageous feats!

**c:** You and **Ratcliffe** could turn a profit selling swampland to alligators. Mucho moolah is your main motivator—better apply for that after-school job now.

**d:** Just like mischievous **Meeko**, you've got a bottomless pit for a stomach and will do *anything* for food. But he's got a built-in mask to hide behind. Do you?

**e:** We're sorry. You're pampered, spoiled and snooty, just like that pet pug, **Percy**. We're not sorry that you are, just jealous that we don't have anyone to lavish attention on us. *Spoil us, please!*

**f:** You and **Grandmother Willow**, eh? You must be wise beyond your years. For future careers, think fortune-cookie writing or hosting your own talk show!

**g:** You're feisty and loyal, just like **Flit**. We bet all your friends are glad to have you on their side! We hear the President's looking for a new bodyguard....



Move over, **Willy**. There are more than 75 kinds of whales out there in the big ol' ocean, so you're not alone. And they take up a lot of space. After all, they're the largest mammals in the world. Since whales are such a huge subject, here's a splashy section all about 'em.

# Whoppin' Whale

# Whale FACT FILE

**One** day nearly 345 million years ago, a cowlike animal jumped into the ocean. Next thing you know, it morphed into what we now know as the whale. Here's the lowdown on five different types:

Hey, big guy: The blue whale (above and below) is the *hugest* animal that has ever lived on Earth.

**BLUE WHALE** The whale of it: This is the largest animal that has ever lived—including the dinosaurs. It's blue-gray in color and has a long, sleek shape. **Vital statistics:** Grows as long as 100 feet and weighs as much as 150 tons—that's equal to the weight of 2,000 people. **Snacks:** Eats as much as 2 tons of small shrimplike animals called krill every day. A blue whale has 55 to 118 throat grooves from its chin to its stomach. These spread out like a fan for gulping food. **Unique features:** Its small dorsal (back) fin, which is only 12 to 14 inches high. **Current head count:** 4,000 to 6,000.

By H. BROOKE PRIMERO





## SPERM WHALE

**The whale of it:** It has a big, square head—one-third of the animal's body length—that contains a case full of a waxy-oily substance called spermaceti, which helps keep it upright.

**Vital statistics:** Grows as long as 60 feet and weighs about 40 tons. **Snacks:** Eats squid, barracuda and sharks,

munching with teeth that weigh 2 pounds each. Fishermen used to carve miniature scenes on teeth from slaughtered sperm whales; the result was called scrimshaw.

**Unique features:** Its schnozz! A sperm whale's nose is the biggest on the planet. **Current head count:** Less than one million.

A whole herd of sperm whales cruises along (above). A humpback sings and dances (below and right).





## HUMPBACK WHALE

**The whale of it:** Humpbacks are the Boyz II Men of the underwater world: They sing, sing, sing! Actually, they make chirps, moans and belching sounds. They're black on top and white on the bottom. **Vital statistics:** Grows up to 50 feet and weighs about a ton per foot.

**Snacks:** Eats krill and small fish. The humpback has a pleated throat that expands when it feeds. **Unique features:** Its ultracool, ultralong flippers, often as long as a third of its body length. **Current head count:** 10,000.

## NARWHAL

**The whale of it:**

It's called a sea unicorn because the male's left tooth grows through the upper lip into an 8-foot-long ivory tusk! (All narwhals have two teeth, but females don't develop the tusk.) The narwhal (left) has dark-gray or black spots on its dolphinlike body. **Vital statistics:** Grows up to 15 feet long, not including its tusk, and weighs just under 2 tons. **Snacks:** Eats cod, flatfish, shrimp and squid. **Unique features:** Do we even have to say? The tusk is the coolest thing about this whale! **Current head count:** Unknown.



# Whale FACT FILE

Killer  
splashdown  
(below)!

## KILLER W H A L E

**The whale of it:** Willy isn't a whale! A killer whale, also known as an orca, is classified as a superdolphin. Killer whales have shiny black-and-white bodies and 6-foot-long dorsal fins.

**Vital statistics:** Measures up to 30 feet long and weighs up to 8 tons. **Snacks:** Eats whatever it wants—even other whales!

**Unique feature:** Its hunting style. A killer whale is known as the wolf of the sea because it preys on wounded and young victims.

**Current head count:** Unknown.

# Whales HANG TEN

They may not in-line skate, but whales definitely have a lineup of favorite things to do. Like...

## **Motorboating:**

The whale swims fast, with its head above water and the rest of its body parallel to the water's surface. As it cruises along, its head creates a wake similar that of a motorboat.



**Spy-hopping:** Every once in a while, a curious whale likes to check out its surroundings, so it peeks its head straight out of the water for a look.



**Head slap:** The head slap is a way for a whale to show off its power.



**Flipper slap:** While rolling at the surface, a whale may bring its flippers out of the water and slap them against the water. Researchers think the sound may be a form of communication.

**Breaching:** This is the coolest way to impress a boatload of whale watchers!

From deep down, the whale swims straight up and breaks the surface, then hurls itself completely out of the water before it crashes on its back into the water. Talk about splash city!

Havin' a whale of a time: breaching (top), flipper slapping (middle) and spy-hopping (bottom).

A beluga whale

Patricia Corrigan is no wimp when it comes to whale watching. "See this arm?" asks the author of *The Whale Watcher's Guide*. "I've had this arm in a whale's mouth!"

Say what?

Corrigan likes to travel far and wide to see whales up close and personal. Since 1982, she's taken two or three trips a year to watch whales in their natural habitats. She's trekked to Argentina to see southern right whales, kissed the head of a baby gray whale off the California coast, and watched orcas play in the waters near British Columbia.

D.A. spoke with Corrigan about her fascination with whales—and about what on Earth made her massage a whale's tongue.

**D.A.:** What's the big attraction to whale watching?

**P.C.:** I love being in the middle of



whales, and I love being out in the ocean—feeling the wind and experiencing the motion of a boat. I think I'm secretly a mermaid

or a marine mammal.

**D.A.:** What made you put your arm in a gray whale's mouth?

**P.C.:** On a whale-watching trip near Baja California, I was rubbing a teenage gray whale under her jaw, and she opened her mouth. I said, "You know, elephants really like to have their tongues massaged. I wonder if she would." I started rubbing her tongue, and she closed her jaws! She was sort of opening and closing her mouth along the length of my forearm. It was as though that was the only way that she could touch me.

**D.A.:** Weren't you a little afraid?

**P.C.:** No, she didn't have teeth, so I wasn't afraid.

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Here's how the blow from four different whales stacks up:

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3 to 30 minutes

4 to 40 minutes

10 to 60 minutes

3 to 120 minutes

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A 13-foot mushroomlike column

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no-footer.*



# Extreme Sports P A R K S



**Tired of No SKATING signs? D.A. found the gnarliest places in the country to in-line skate, skateboard or bike.**

**E**xtrme-sports parks are popping up everywhere, and D.A. was stoked to check out four of the best. These thrasher paradises offer the chance to get burly with your skateboard, bike or skates. If you have the wheels, the skills and the attitude, they have the ramps—and it's all legal. Membership usually costs around \$20 per year, or you can pay about \$5 per session. Unless otherwise noted, all parks allow bikes, skateboards and skates. **By Michelle Ernst**



U-turn! Rocky  
executes a 180-degree  
turn on a vert ramp.

# Hoffman BIKE Park

OKLAHOMA CITY,  
OKLAHOMA

**Hit this:** Check out the 11-foot-by-30-foot vert ramp, 6-foot miniramp with spine (connected to three different hip jumps) and 5-foot jump box.

**Claim to fame:** All ramps at this outdoor park were made by pros and meet pro standards. It's owned and operated by Matt Hoffman, vert ramp world champ since 1987. A word to the wise from Matt: "Sometimes the younger kids hassle the older Rollerbladers because they wear spandex, and spandex isn't very cool."

**Local ripper:** Rocky Richardson, 12, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. "Yeah, I wanna go pro. I'm ranked in the top 20, I think. I'm taking things really fast, and I have a talent for it. The miniramp's my favorite, because you catch about three feet of air from above the deck and take your feet off when you're in the air. That's pretty scary because your front tire can hit the deck of the ramp."

# Skatepark OF Tampa TAMPA, (SPOT) FLORIDA

**Hit this:** An 11-foot-high, 32-foot-wide vert half-pipe inside, and an indoor street course with quarter pipes and bank ramps.

**Claim to fame:** A stream called the Moat flows just outside the park. If you can jump it, you win a free day at SPOT. Sound easy? The stream is 8 feet wide!

**Local ripper:** Stephen Bastien, 12, Zephyrhills, Florida. "I was terrified the first time I ever dropped in on a vert ramp. But then I thought about how fun it would be after I learned how to do it really well. The biggest thrill at this park is probably the half pipe. It's the most exhilarating. You get the most speed off it."



Stephen Bastien rock-'n'-rolls on a quarter pipe.

## Hot Air

If you wanna catch some air, it helps to talk the talk. Here's a ramp glossary:

**Miniramp:** U-shaped ramp 2 to 7 feet high, for sharpening skills and developing tricks.

**Vert half-pipe or vert ramp:** a taller miniramp, usually 10 to 12 feet high. The top foot is vertical.

**Quarter pipe:** one half of a miniramp, minus the flat bottom. Used for many of the same tricks as a miniramp, but tricks are executed at a much higher speed.

**Flat or high wall:** a slightly banked wall 6 to 10 feet high that you can get up without much loss of speed. Used for flip trickery.

**Bowl:** a large oval or circular depression made of wood or cement, 4 to 8 feet deep. Looks like an empty pool.

**Bowl hip:** one-quarter of a bowl.

**Spine:** miniramps or quarters placed back-to-back, so you can pop from one to the other.

—Chris Nieratko



# Magdalena Ecke YMCA Skate Park

(ENCINITAS YMCA SKATE PARK)

ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA



## Ramp Camp

Summer camp for psychos? You bet. Woodward Camp in Woodward, Pennsylvania, is the place for extreme-sports fans. Woodward offers programs for all levels, taught by pros like Tony Hawk (skateboard), Chris Edwards (in-line skates) and Matt Hoffman (freestyle bike). This place began as a gymnastics camp, but the extreme-sports programs are considered the best on the planet. For info, call (814) 349-5633.

**Hit this:** A slick, revamped ramp called the Vert Bowl. It's a 12-foot-high ramp with a 24-foot, flat-wall section and a bowl hip surfaced in steel.

**Claim to fame:** This all-outdoor park began in 1987 as a piece of plywood leaning on a cement wall. Now it's one of the largest parks in the western United States.

**No bikes allowed.**

**Local ripper:** Justin Meeker, 13, Palm Desert, California. "It's the best skate park I've been to. It has a really nice street course. The ramps are really good—they're Masonite. It's smooth, so you can go faster."

# Rapid Revolutions

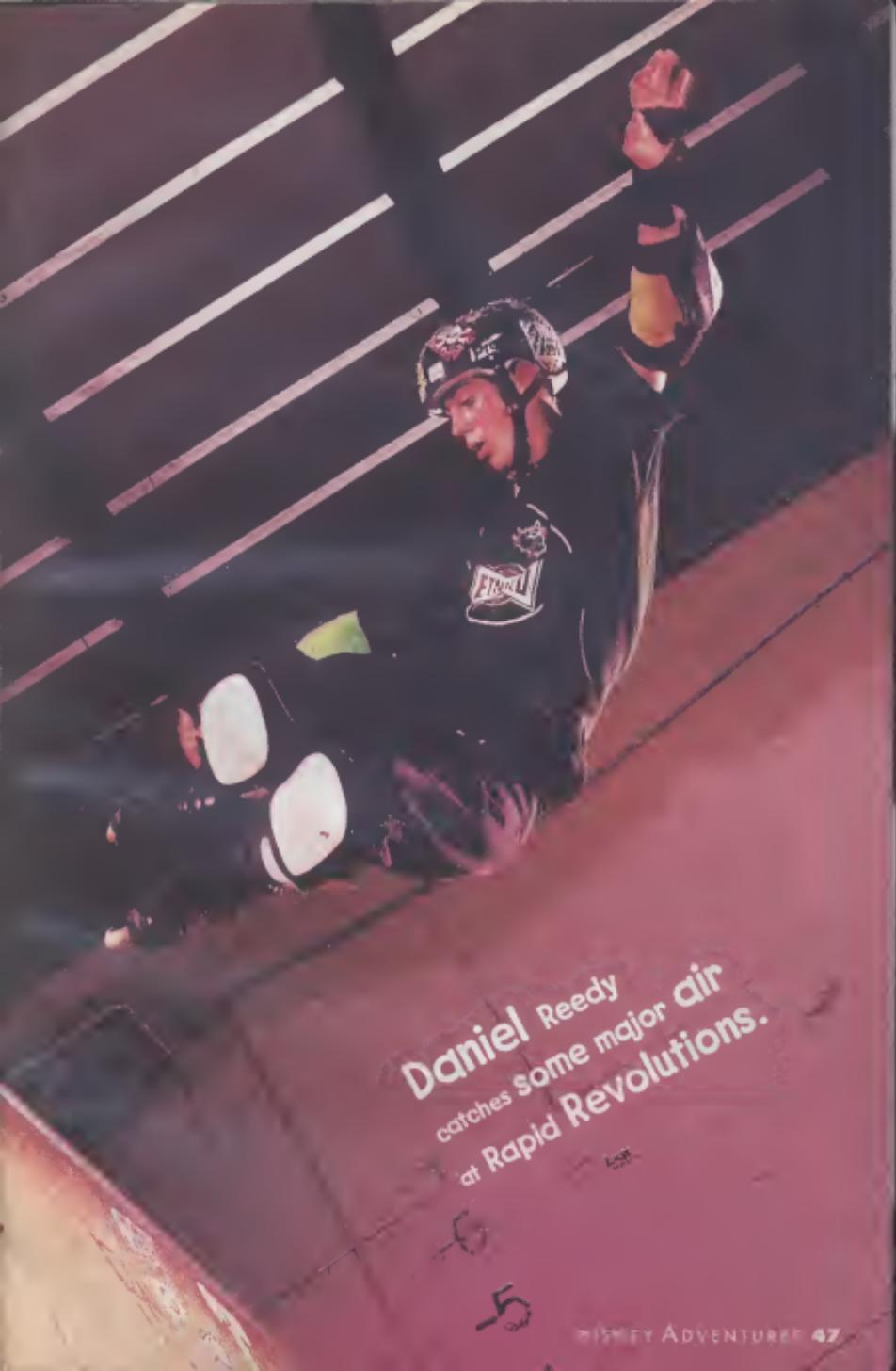
DALLAS, TEXAS

**Hit this:** Catch some major air at this indoor park on the 11-foot vert half-pipe. Then check out the street course and 90-degree hip ramp.

**Claim to fame:** All the ramps are connected, so you can go from one end of the park to the other without stopping. And if you hit the corners right, you'll keep picking up speed. This place also holds tons of contests and battles of the bands.

**Bikes OK Monday through Wednesday only.**

**Local ripper:** Daniel Reedy, 15, Dallas, Texas. "The people make this place great. They don't have the attitude, 'I'm better than you.' They give you pointers and tell you how to make your trick look smoother. Everyone's just out to have a good time."



Daniel Reedy  
catches some major air  
at Rapid Revolutions.

# N I G H T S



By Howard Tomb

# of Shooting Stars



It warms of meteoroids are racing toward Earth, and there's nothing we can do—except lie back and enjoy the show.

This year, the **Delta Aquarid** meteor shower will light up the sky with shooting stars on July 28. The **Perseid** meteor shower will arrive a few weeks later, peaking on August 11. But you'll have to stay up late—viewing is best after midnight, when you may see up to 60 shooting stars every hour.

These are two of the biggest meteor showers that show up regularly every year. The shooting stars, or **meteors** (see Space Rocks on page 50), that you'll see are actually little rocky bits of a passing comet. When Earth's orbit crosses a comet's orbit, all these fragments hurtle toward our atmosphere. There, they burn up instantly and turn into dust, sometimes leaving a white

trail, called a **train**. That's what you can see—if only for an instant.

And these meteors move fast. **Steve Edberg**, an astronomer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, says the Perseid meteors are some of the fastest in the universe. "They'll be coming in at about 60 kilometers per second," he says. That's about seven times faster than the space shuttle can go.

These summer dates are the best times to see meteors in action, but you can probably see a couple of shooting stars on any clear night. That's because about **100 million** meteors enter our atmosphere each day. Our solar system is littered with leftover bits of planets and moons, as well as all kinds of man-made space junk, like satellite and rocket parts. Whenever any of these pieces hit our atmosphere, you've got a meteor.

But when a comet swings by, you've got a **meteor shower**. And that means *major* shooting-star action.



AN ASTRONOMER HAS A HOLE LOTTA FUN IN THIS 3/4-MILE-WIDE METEOR CRATER.

# Take a Shower— After Midnight!

Here's what you  
need to view a  
meteor shower:

**Darkness:** If you can, get out of town and away from all the light pollution. If you watch from your yard, turn off the house lights. This year, the Perseids may be hard to see because the moon will be close to full. The Delta Aquarids will probably put on the summer's best show.

**Big sky:** Try to watch from an open field, a beach or a hilltop. Look straight overhead to take in as much sky as possible.

**Sleeping bag:** Lying down is the most comfortable way to watch meteors.

**Insect repellent:** Meteoroids aren't the only things that travel in swarms.

**Clear weather:** If the sky is cloudy, you may have to wait until the biggest meteor shower of the winter: the Geminids, on December 13.

# Space Rocks

When does a meteoroid become a meteorite? Glad you asked. It depends on where it is!

**Comet:** a ball of rock and ice drifting in orbit through the solar system. ►



◀ **Meteoroid:** a piece of debris or rock in outer space. Most are pieces of comets.

**Meteor:** a meteoroid after it enters Earth's atmosphere. Meteors that you can see burning are also known as shooting stars. ▼



**Meteorite:** ▶ a meteor that has hit the ground.

**N**ot every meteor burns up completely. Each year, about 100 get through our atmosphere intact and hit the ground. These are called **meteorites**. Most fall into the ocean, but about 10 hit land and are recovered by scientists.

# The Doomsday Rock

This year, researchers discovered that a 40-pound meteorite found in Africa was actually a **chunk of Mars**. When something humongous—maybe a comet on a collision course—crashed into the red planet three million years ago, the chunk was blasted free and into space. Eventually, it smashed into Africa.

Last summer, a comet named **Shoemaker-Levy 9** slammed into Jupiter at 130,000 miles an hour, creating dust clouds as large as the planet Earth. You can still see those clouds through a backyard telescope.

Could this happen to our planet? Some scientists think it already has, millions of years ago. According to their theories, a huge comet crashed into Earth and wiped out all the dinosaurs.

**David Levy**, one of the discoverers of the comet that hit Jupiter, talked with D.A. about how we would have to deal with

a similar situation. "First, we would want to examine the object from a spacecraft," he said. "We'd try to figure out what it's made of."

Then what? "Our spacecraft would leave a **transponder** on the object so we could track its movements

exactly," said Levy. A transponder is a beacon that would send its radio signals back to Earth.

If it turned out the object was headed for a collision with Earth, we'd have to give the doomsday rock a little nudge to get it moving in another direction. That might have to be done with a rocket or a bomb.

Don't sweat—only one person is known to have been hit by a meteorite. **Ann Hewlett Hodges** was hit by a 3-pounder in 1954 while sitting in her living room. She got a bruise on her leg—and her picture in the paper.



**STAR SEARCH: IN 1954, ANN HEWLETT HODGES WAS NAILED BY A 3-POUND METEORITE.**

# weird yet true



**Blonds  
have  
more...  
HAIR!**

The average person with **blond** hair has **150,000** hairs on his or her scalp, about **50,000** more than most **brunets**. **Redheads** are the least hairy; they have only **60,000** hairs apiece.

## Well, *excuse* me!

How does an

**orangutan** tell  
you to stay out of its  
territory? It lets out a  
**raging** burp!



# F

*ingernails grow nearly*



## ***Chew this over...and over***

**Harriet Lasky** of Denver, Colorado, has been chewing the **same** piece of **gum** for **33** years, staring it in a glass of water every night while she gets same shut-eye (or in her case, shut-mauth). Harriet first stuffed the wad of bubble gum into her mauth when she was just **7** years old. She has na interest in a fresh piece. "It gets better with age," she says.

### **Say what?**

A **woolly bear** is not a bear; it's a caterpillar.

A **koala bear** is not a bear, it's a marsupial.

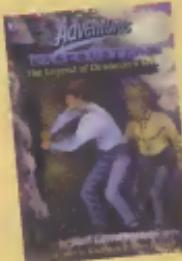
A **sea wasp** is not a wasp; it's a jellyfish.

A **polecat** is not a cat; it's a weasel.

than toenails.

# **four times faster**

# ON the case casebusters MYSTERY #



## the Mission ▼

Hey, D.A. readers: Join Brian and Sean Quinn and solve Casebusters Mystery #2. We've given you suspects and clues, but if you need more information, find a copy of *The Legend of Deadman's Mine* by Joan Lowery Nixon. Be one of the first one hundred to write to us with the correct solution, and we'll send you a *free* book in the Disney Adventures Casebusters series.

- Hank Austin owner of the Austin Dude Ranch
- Wade Morrison breeder/seller of horses
- Woody the ranch hand
- Mrs. Austin Hank Austin's wife and the ranch bookeeper

## the suspects ▲

### the crime ▶

A valuable breeding stallion/racehorse has disappeared.

Was it stolen? And if so, who stole it and why?

### the clues ▶

If the horse was stolen, it would have to be taken out of the barn in a truck or a horse trailer. The fact that no one saw or heard anything proves that this has to be an inside job.

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next  
month's  
casebusters  
MYSTERY #3

# COMICS ZONE



## WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S COMICS ZONE

Who's your favorite character from *Aladdin*? Sure, I love Genie, Jasmine, Iago, Abu and Aladdin himself, but I have a particular soft spot for **Rajah** because I think tigers are just about the coolest critters around. Jasmine is one lucky princess to have her own tiger sidekick. But here's some inside scoop: You won't see too many cartoons about tigers, zebras or any other striped animal...Why? Because those stripes are so hard to animate!

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Let me know what you think.

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# Aladdin



## 'SIBLING RIVALRY'

**SWISH!**



Written: Dave Rawlinson Pencils: Pat McEown Inks: Dave Hunt Lettering: David Cody Weiss Coloring: Jan Shelley Parker





A FEW DAYS  
LATER IN THE  
THIEVES'  
QUARTER OF  
AGRABAH--

I'M SICK OF THE  
PALACE! I'D LIKE TO  
STUFF THAT OLD RAJAH!  
PUT HIM UP ON A  
TROPHY WALL!

...WORTH A  
SULTAN'S RANSOM  
TO THE RIGHT  
CUSTOMER!

BUT THAT  
TIGER IS A ROYAL  
PET! WON'T IT BE  
DANGEROUS?

NOT THE  
WAY I HAVE IT  
PLANNED!

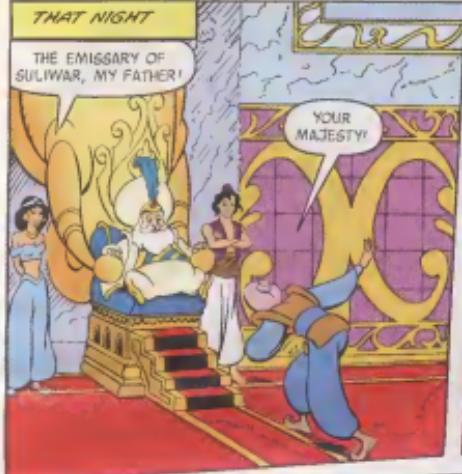
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT IF  
SOMEONE FOUND OUT I KNEW  
ABOUT THIS? I'M TORN! MAYBE  
I SHOULD TELL JASMINE?

ALL RIGHT! OH, BOY!  
YES! YES! CART THAT  
FURRY NUISANCE  
AWAY!

THAT WOULD GET  
ME IN HER GOOD GRACES  
AGAIN! YEAH! THAT'S  
THE THING TO DO!



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# GOOF TROOP

## "MAX'S MAKEOVER"

Part one



DON'T TOUCH  
THAT DIAL,  
TAFFY Z SWEET  
FANS!

WE'RE SECONDS  
AWAY FROM OUR  
TOTALLY TAFFY  
CONTEST!

THE FOURTH  
CALLER WINS  
A PERSONAL  
VISIT FROM  
HER  
PINKNESS!

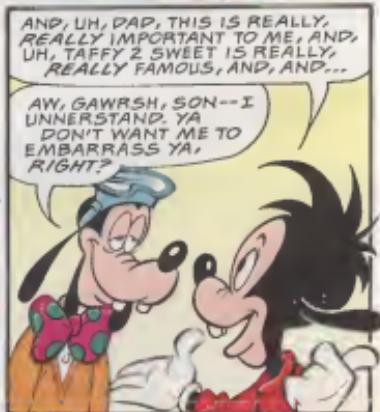
ON YOUR MARK!  
GET SET!  
**DIAL!!**

SWOON'E  
I JUST  
GOTTA  
WIN THIS  
CONTEST,  
P.J.!

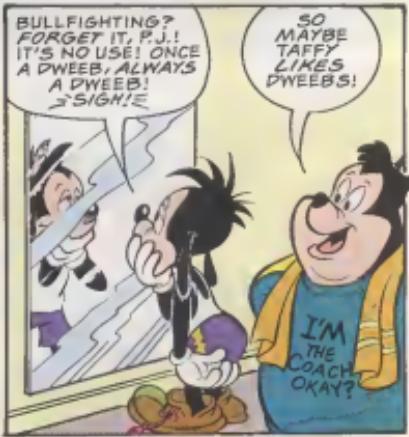
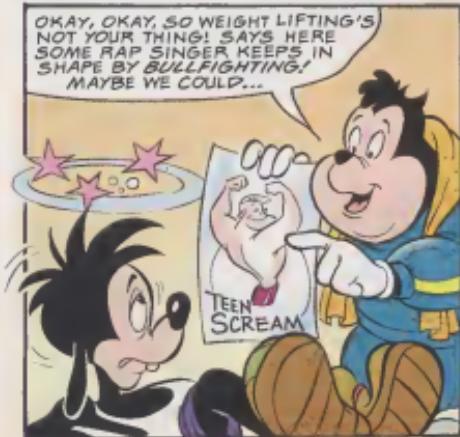


NO SWEAT,  
MAX!  
NOBODY  
PHONES  
FASTER  
THAN YOU!











FARRRR OUT!!



AND INSIDE SPOONERVILLE'S POSHEST HOTEL...



PSIGN'E THIS IS GONNA BE THE WORST NIGHT OF MY LIFE!



BACK AT MAXIE'S...



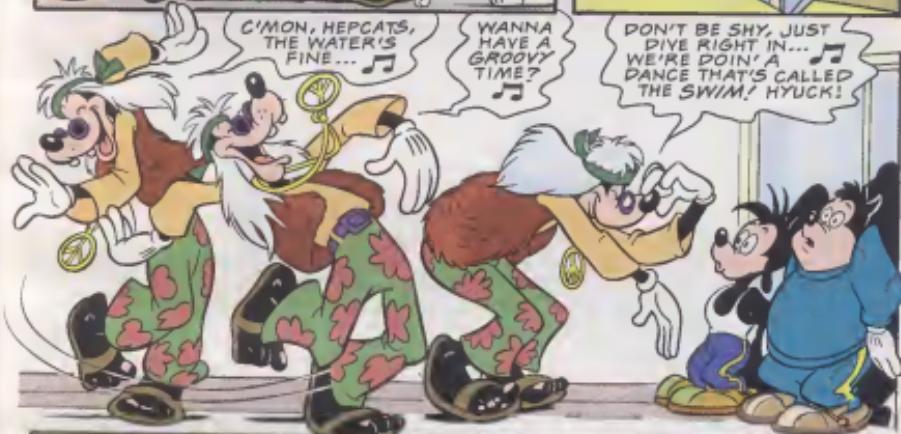
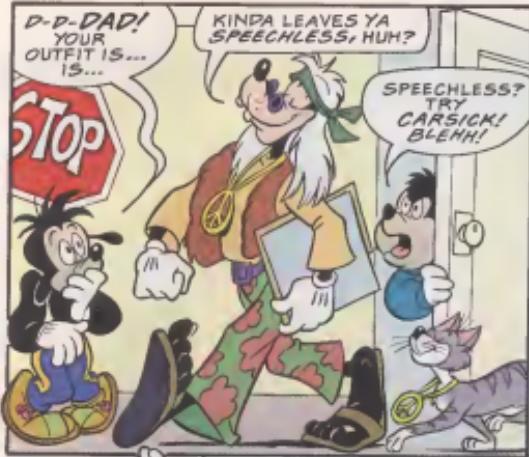
LEMME JUST BEEF UP THIS BICEP A BIT...

MAXIE? GOT SOMETHIN' SPECIAL TO SHOW YA, SON! HYUCK!



SO WHAT'S HAPPENIN', COOL CATS?





# DARKWING DUCK

"CEREAL CRIMES, PART ONE"

## "THE PHANTOM DONUT SHOP"

THE END OF  
THE NIGHT. THERE  
IS A SOLEMN QUIET  
THAT DESCENDS ON  
THE CITY IN THE  
HOURS JUST BEFORE  
THE DAWN.

EVEN CRIMINALS HAVE  
WIGGLED INTO THEIR  
JAMMIES AND CRAWLED BACK  
INTO THEIR HOLES, TERRIFIED  
AND RESENTFUL OF THE  
COMING DAYLIGHT.

UP AHEAD, THE STILLNESS  
OF THE SLUMBERING CITY IS  
PIERCED LIKE THE LOW COMFORTING  
MURMUR OF A FOG HORN BY THE FRIENDLY  
BEACON OF THE FAMILIAR OASIS FOR THE WEARY  
WANDERERS OF THE  
NIGHT SHIFT...

...A  
DONUT  
SHOP!

DONUT  
SHOP

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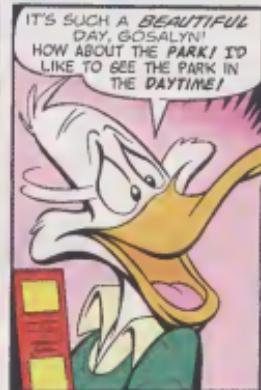


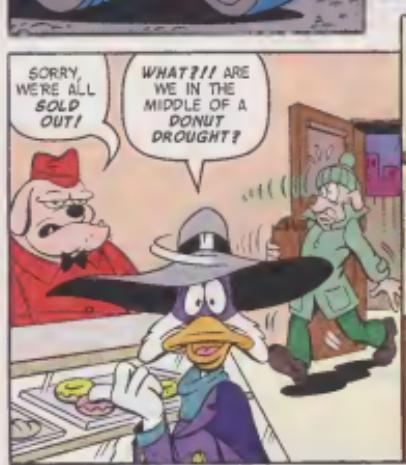
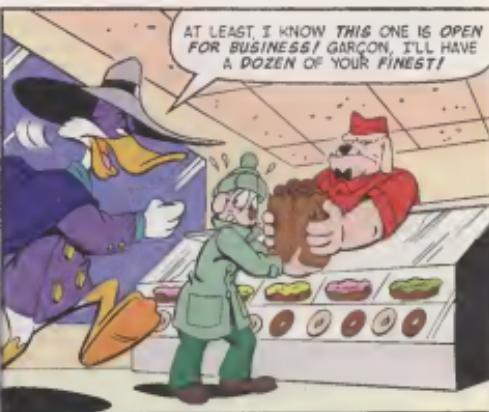
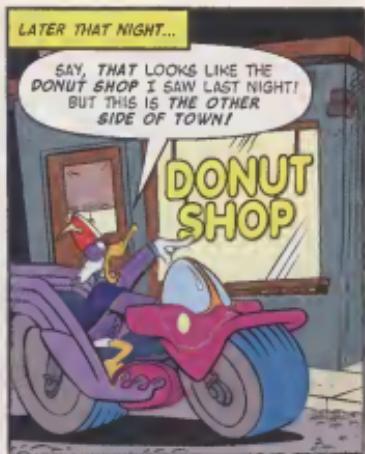














# GOOF TROOP

## "No Excuse is a Better Excuse"

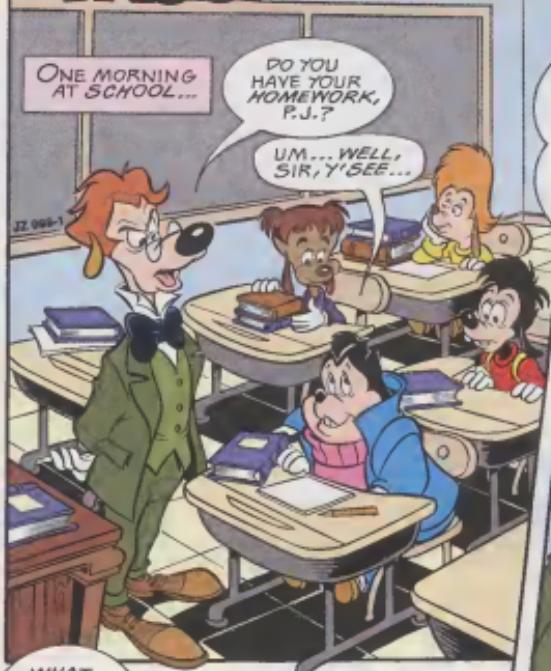
ONE MORNING AT SCHOOL...

DO YOU HAVE YOUR HOMEWORK, P.J.?

UM... WELL, SIR, Y' SEE...

P.J., MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT YESTERDAY YOUR EXCUSE FOR NOT HAVING YOUR HOMEWORK WAS THAT A THIEF STOLE IT FROM YOUR BEDROOM WHILE YOU WERE IN THE SHOWER?

AND THE DAY BEFORE THAT YOU CLAIMED THAT YOUR SISTER SET IT ON FIRE.



WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE FOR TODAY, PRAY TELL?

AND PLEASE-- DON'T TELL ME YOUR DOG ATE IT!

WELL... OKAY!

GRRR!



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## JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE



**Players:** One

or two

**Systems:** Super  
NES/Genesis

**Mission:** It's superhero  
vs. superhero. Pick your  
favorite, and fight the others.

**Characters:** Nine

**Difficulty:** Brainer



Choose your favorite superhero: Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, the Flash, Aquaman and Green Arrow. • The superheroes must fight one another using their unique superpowers and special fighting moves. • But watch out! The evil Darkseid wants to destroy the Justice League. • He's created clones of the superheroes and is forcing them to fight against their real-life counterparts. • After you defeat the clones, you'll battle Cheetah, Despero and, ultimately, Darkseid.

## WOLVERINE: ADAMANTIUM RAGE



**Players:** One

**Systems:**

Genesis/Super NES

**Mission:** Help  
Wolverine survive the deadly  
trap in which he's caught.

**Stages:** Seven

**Difficulty:** Brainer



You must help Wolverine battle some of his most famous foes, including Albert, Bloodscream, Cyber, Fitzroy, Lady Deathstrike, Elsie Dee, Lurker and Sabretooth. • Just when you think you're safe, however, you'll encounter Shinobi Shaw and face the biggest battle of Wolverine's life. • This game's got comic-book action at its best.



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## EARTHWORM JIM 2

**Players:** One

**Systems:**

Super NES/Genesis

**Mission:** Superhero Earthworm Jim must keep Psycrow from marrying Princess What's-Her-Name. And, oh, yeah, he must also save the world from evil domination.

**Stages:** 10

**Difficulty:** Brainer

This cart's got new hand-drawn animated graphics that were created using a new process called Animotion II. • You have total control over the wacky animated worlds where this adventure takes place. • Earthworm Jim has many powerful new moves and several new friends to help him on his quest.



## KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX

**Players:**

One or two

**System:**

Genesis 32X

**Mission:** Knuckles stars in a new adventure in which he must once again defeat Dr. Robotnik.

**Stages:** 25

**Difficulty:** Major  
brainer

It's Knuckles' job to make sure that everything goes smoothly in the just-opened amusement park, Carnival Island. • The problem: with Dr. Robotnik around, nothing goes right. • Using new moves, you must help Knuckles beat Dr. Robotnik in a variety of new, exciting stages.



## Month!

Gamer's  
tip of the

To skip whatever level you are on in the original Earthworm Jim game using a six-button controller (Super Nintendo version), start playing the game. At any time, press Pause. Next, press A Button, B Button, X Button, A Button, A Button + X Button, B Button + X Button, B Button + X Button, A Button + X Button.

Jim Robinson, 13  
Shippensburg, PA

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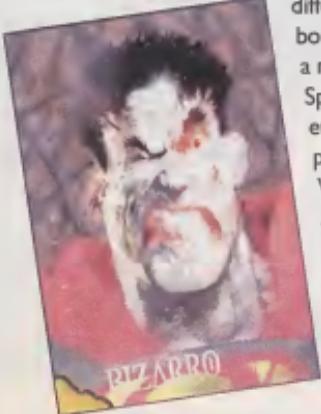
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# Card Shark

**Comics cards aren't just for collecting anymore. These SkyBox sets offer you something to do. You can discover hidden messages or enter a new dimension via a CD-ROM that brings card characters to life.**

## **DC Villains: The Dark Judgment**

Not even Superman can save you from the villains in this set. Featuring classic baddies like the Joker, Darkseid and Doomsday, the set is written by Roger Stern,



who wrote the novel *The Death of Superman*. As the series progresses, the card backs grow darker and more bug-infested to reveal a secret, evil message for those who collect all 90 cards. Look

for three different bonus inserts: a nine-card Spectra-etched puzzle, three Villains Attack cards and a

**Above: SkyBox Master Series. Left: DC Villains.**



SkyMotion card that uses multi-images to bring Two-Face to sinister life.

## **SkyBox Master Series: Creators Edition**

Is it a card set? Is it a game? Is it a CD-ROM? Yes, yes and yes. Created by five of the top painters from the worlds of comics, fantasy, science fiction and gaming, this series features original

paintings of 105 characters coming soon to a CD-ROM near you. Some cards contain a code that can be used to complete the mission in SkyBox's first CD-ROM adventure game, *SkyBorg: Into the Vortex*. The game's universe is frozen to a standstill, making all living residents two-dimensional, like a trading card. Look for the game to hit the shelves in October.

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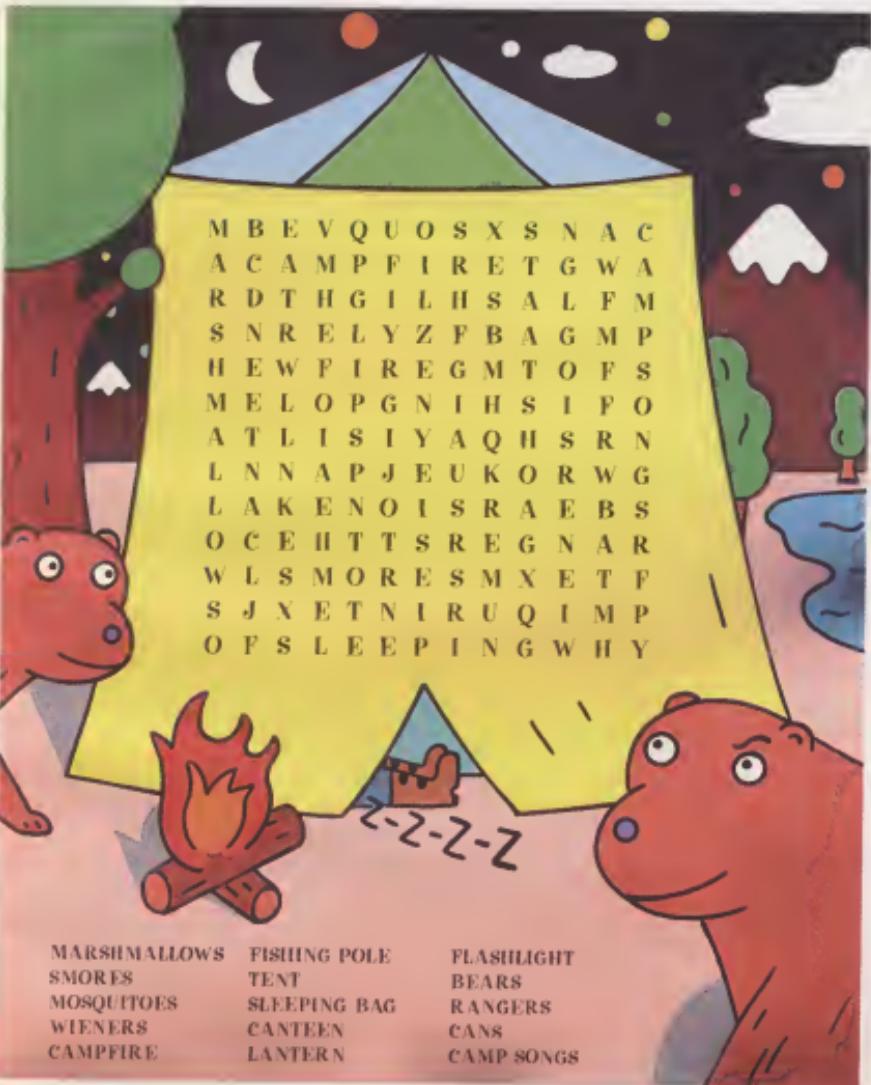
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# happy campers

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**1.** You are a: 01  Boy 02  Girl

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02  6 04  8 06  10 08  12 10  14

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02  2-6 months 05  3 years or more  
03  7-11 months

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01  Yes 02  No 03  I don't know

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01  Hello 05  D.A. Buzz 09  Weird Yet True  
02  Zip Code 06  Comics Zone 10  TechnoMania (Hot Video Game Picks)  
03  Card Shark 07  Puzzles 11  See You Next Month  
04  Joe Rocket 08  Ticket 12  None

**10.** What are your three favorite regular features? (Please check only three.)

01  Hello 05  D.A. Buzz 09  Weird Yet True  
02  Zip Code 06  Comics Zone 10  TechnoMania (Hot Video Game Picks)  
03  Card Shark 07  Puzzles 11  See You Next Month  
04  Joe Rocket 08  Ticket 12  None

**11.** Do you like celebrity interviews (like the ones with the kids of summer movies in this issue)?

01  Yes 02  No 03  I don't know

**12.** Should we do more celebrity interviews, or less?

01  More 02  Less 03  The same amount

**13.** Do you like articles on the latest trends, like our story on extreme-sports parks in this issue?

01  Yes 02  No 03  I don't know

**14.** When there's a quiz in D.A., like the *Pocahontas* Personality Quiz in this issue, do you take it?

01  Always 02  Sometimes 03  Never

**15.** Which of the comics did you read in this issue? (Check all that you read.)

01  Aladdin 02  Darkwing Duck 03  Goof Troop 04  None

**16.** Do you ever read the other comics we do? (Check all that you read.)

01  Gargoyles 02  Kid Blastoff 03  Bone 04  Bonkers 05  None

**17.** Which comic is your favorite? (Please check only one.)

01  Aladdin 04  Darkwing Duck 07  Kid Blastoff  
02  Bone 05  Gargoyles 08  None; I don't like the comics.  
03  Bonkers 06  Goof Troop

**18.** What should we change about the comics? (Check all that apply.)

01  More comics 03  Longer comics 05  No comics  
02  Less comics 04  Shorter comics 06  Don't change anything

**19.** How many D.A. contests have you ever entered?

01  None 02  1 03  2 04  3 05  4 06  5 07  6 or more

**20.** How would you describe D.A. to one of your friends, in only one sentence? (Please print neatly.)

**21.** Now's your chance! Is there anything else you would like to see in D.A. or say to our editors? (Please print neatly.)

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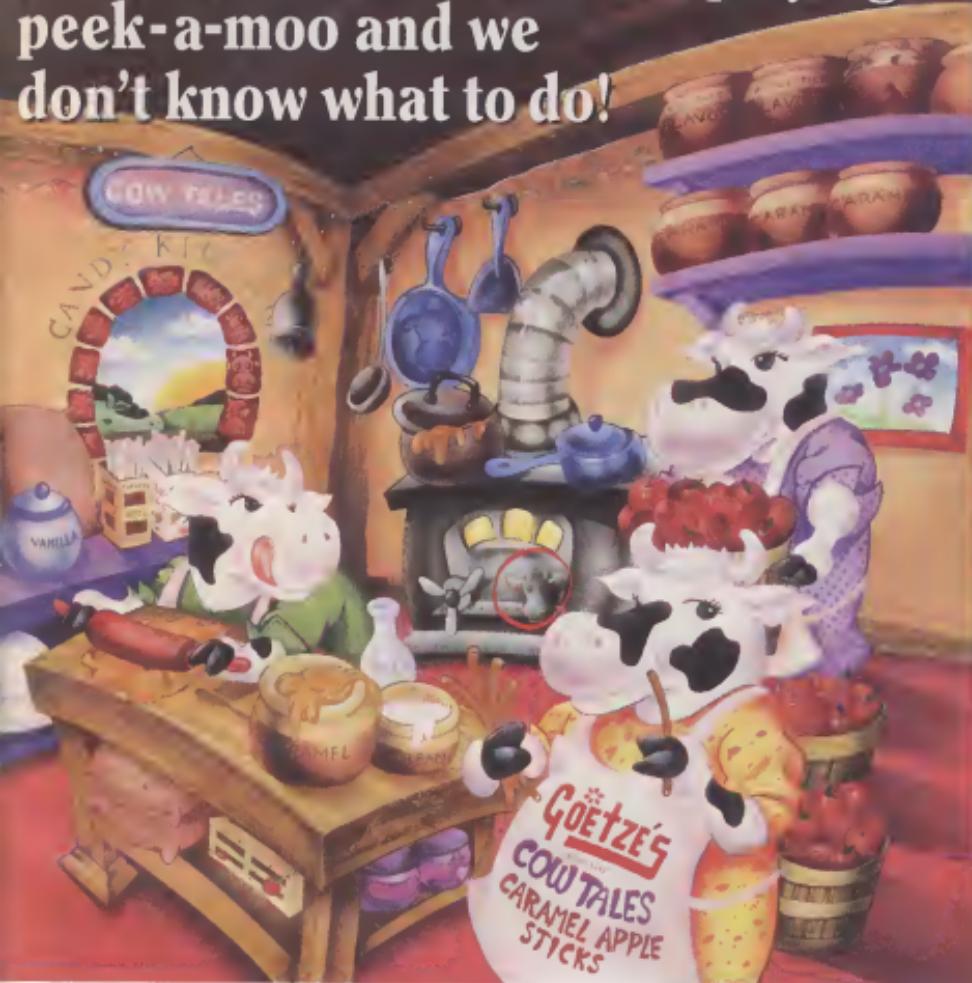
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